

The Weekly Ledger.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

The State Democratic Committee meets at Kansas City March 6.

E. A. Love, Kansas City, is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor instead of State Auditor.

The Democratic ticket, nominated at the city primary, is all right and will be elected without opposition.

Hon. R. L. Green, of Springfield, Mo., is a candidate for Judge of the St. Louis Court of Appeals, and is highly recommended by his home paper.

The Mexico Evening Leader, containing a full account of the shooting of Goebel, was on the streets at least one hour in advance of any other Mexican paper. It's a way we think.

W. D. THOMAS of the Future Star, is making a persistent and intelligent fight against paper trusts. Thomas will have something of interest to say before the Missouri Press Association in St. Louis next week.

Both Pitts and Galloway counties. The resources of Missouri are wonderful. Missouri has three states—the climate, the crops and the mines. Grand old Missouri.

Across the newspapers who have increased their subscriptions—from \$1 to \$2.00 we notice the *Plano (Ill.) News*, also the *St. Charles (Ill.) Chronicle*. The Chronicle says: "It is impossible to issue a first-class weekly paper at \$1.00 per year, with a profit to the publisher, and the News is wise in making this change. There are many other papers in northern Illinois that should follow suit."

The newspaper men throughout the country are becoming convinced that it is impossible to publish a good weekly paper for one dollar per year. Among a large number advancing rates from \$1 to \$1.50 and we note that for five years the Rockville (Ind.) paper have tried the dollar rate without satisfaction or profit. So they recently returned to the \$1.50 rate.

The Kansas City Times, referring to the ex-Governor of the State of Missouri, editorially says: "Carroll H. Hardin, the twenty-second governor, was born in Kentucky in 1860, and came to Missouri with his parents when an infant. He was opposed to secession and remained loyal to the union during the war. He was elected governor in 1874. Hardin elected a school for girls at Mexico, was named in his honor. He died in 1882."

READ the advertisement in the Mexico LEDGER. Merchants who advertise invite your custom. When you are invited to a store you may expect first-class treatment. The business man who advertises in the LEDGER expects you to call and see their stock and then expect to convince you that prices are all right and that you can do as well for the money anywhere else. Advertising invites you to their store. They will do the rest.

HON. W. J. BRYAN, referring to the shooting of Senator Goebel of Kentucky, said: "It is shocking, shameful, I trust that the shot will not prove fatal. Mr. Goebel made a great fight against Seize opposition, and feeling was wrought up to a high pitch, but I had no thought of assassination being resorted to. It probably was the individual act of some very little political opponent. I cannot assume or believe that any considerable number of Republicans or anti-Goebel Democrats would counsel or excuse such an act. I sincerely hope that the Democrats will not allow excitement or resentment to lead them to acts of violence. We can afford to permit the Republicans to enjoy the monopoly of force and threats. Let the law deal with those who violate the law."

We do not understand why Hon. D. A. Bell and some of his friends persist in abusing the newspapers of Missouri. No man is a closer reader of the country press of Missouri than the editor of this paper, and he has failed yet to see an attack or even anything looking like an attack upon Hon. D. A. Bell by any newspaper in Missouri; at the same time an address has been issued by Mr. Bell and his friends which apparently reflects upon the Democratic press of Missouri. The address was signed by Baker L. Woodson, as chairman, and W. D. Summers, of Harrisonville, as secretary of the conference. It is clearly devoted to showing that Mr. Bell is a genuine champion of the silver doctrine and that A. M. Donkey, his rival, has affiliated with those of other belief concerning the college question. It charges Donkey with having subscribed for almost every Democratic paper in the State. It alleges that he was a follower of Cleveland and did not favor the Pueblo Springs convention of 1896 that decided for the 16 to 1 ratio and first pledged the party to Missouri to that policy.

UNDER the caption, "Can Wm. J. Bryan Be Elected," the Columbia Herald prints the following very encouraging editorial: "The over-confidence of some Republicans and the under-confidence of some Democrats is not justified by the political signs of the times. The theory held in certain Gold-tug quarters—not so strongly as a year ago, however—is that McKinley has a sure thing" is not supported by the facts in the case. The inquiry "Can William J. Bryan be elected?" finds affirmative answer to the situation studied. His states, giving McKinley the presidency, voted for him, where a change of less than 30,000 would have reversed their decision. Four of these states were southern states—West Virginia, Kentucky, Delaware and Maryland. Two were northern states—Iowa and California. Two of these states, Maryland and Kentucky, have since reversed their decisions and there is every reason to suppose they will be found in the Democratic column this year. All of the other four are doubtful. In addition to these states, Kansas, South Dakota, Minnesota and Washington, which voted for Bryan in 1896, are regarded as doubtful this year. Certainly, however, the chances are in his favor in all these states. The only exception, the only one which is ever for electoral votes, are several states which supported McKinley four years ago which are doubtful now. Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Mississippi, on the one hand, and the states of Texas and Imperialia, on the other, are the most interesting issues of trusts and imperialism.

The continuance of the Philippine war and the Transvaal strife may throw all these into doubt. The day he can be elected and we believe will be."

THE MISSOURI ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

Some of the officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Fulton Insane Asylum during last week visited the asylum at St. Joseph and Nevada, Mo. These visits were made in a friendly way in order to compare the methods of managing the institution, so that improvements might be made in any direction possible. The officers of the other institutions will likely return the visitors later in the year.

The visiting committee from Fulton was delighted with the management of both of the other institutions.

Dr. Woods, of the St. Joseph Asylum, and Dr. Robinson, of the Nevada asylum, are both not only eminent physicians, but men of splendid executive ability. They have surrounded themselves with most capable assistance—men and women who are thoroughly equipped for the important positions they hold.

While the members of the Fulton board returned well satisfied with the condition and management of their institution, they could think of no suggestions to make which would improve the management of the other asylums for the insane.

The writer is of the opinion that the three asylums in Missouri, which are under State control, are in first-class condition to every respect. We believe that the administrators in these institutions are being carefully, kindly and honestly looked after. The institutions are economically managed and at the same time the patients have the best of food and the best of care.

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